Channel and Buffalo Bayou are hereby made available for said project:

Provided further, That all of said sums of money not necessary for administration, surveys and maintenance be used in improving division one of said survey.

SEC. 2. That section twelve of the same Act be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the word "fourteen" after the word "section," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "eleven."

SEC. 3. That section twenty of the same Act be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the word "ten," after the word "sections," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "nine."

Approved, February 20, 1900.

February 24, 1900.

CHAP. 24.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to suspend the operation of certain provisions of law relating to the War Department, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to suspend the operation of certain provisions of law relating to the War Department, and for other purposes,'" approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"That the operation of the following provisions of law be, and is hereby, continued suspended for such further time as, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, may be found necessary, or until otherwise provided by Congress, not longer, however, than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one:

"First. The provision of the first section of the Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and for other purposes,' in the following words:

Provided, That hereafter no part of this appropriation shall be expended in the purchase for the Army of draft animals until the number on hand shall be reduced to five thousand, and thereafter shall only be expended for the purchase of a number sufficient to keep the supply up to five thousand.'

"Second. The provisions of the first section of the Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and for other purposes,' in the following words:

Provided, That hereafter no part of the appropriations for the Quartermaster's Department shall be expended on printing unless the same shall be done by contract, after due notice and competition, except in such cases as the emergency will not admit of the giving notice for competition: Provided further, That after advertisement, all the supplies for the use of the various departments and posts of the Army and of the branches of the army service shall hereafter be purchased where the same can be purchased the cheapest in the markets of the United States, quality and cost of transportation and the interest of the Government considered, except that purchases may be made in open market, in the manner common among business men, when the aggregate amount required does not exceed two hundred dollars, but every such purchase shall be immediately reported to the Secretary of War:

And the words:

Provided, That the number of horses purchased under this appropriation, added to the number on hand, shall not at any time exceed the number of enlisted men and Indian scouts in the mounted service, and that no part of this appropriation shall be paid out for horses not purchased by contract, after competition duly invited by the Quarter-
master's Department and an inspection by such department, all under
the direction and authority of the Secretary of War.'

"And the words:

"Provided, That not more than one million dollars of the sums
appropriated by this Act shall be paid out for the services of civilian
employees in the Quartermaster's Department, including those heretofore paid out of the funds appropriated for regular supplies, incidental
expenses, barracks and quarters, army transportation, clothing, camp
and garrison equipage; that no employee paid therefrom shall receive
a salary more than one hundred and fifty dollars per month unless the
same be specially fixed by law.'

"Third. So much of the Act approved March fifteenth, eighteen hun-
dred and ninety-eight, entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the
support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen
hundred and ninety-nine,' under the heading 'Ordnance Department,'
as provides that not more than sixty-five thousand dollars of the money
appropriated for the Ordnance Department in all its branches shall be
applied to the payment of civilian clerks in said department."

SEC. 2. That during the time the operation of the foregoing provi-
sions of law shall remain so suspended pursuant to this Act, materials
required by the War Department may, in the discretion of the Secretary
of War, be purchased abroad and shall be admitted free of duty.

SEC. 3. That during the same time the Bureau of Ordnance of the
War Department is authorized to purchase, without advertisement,
such ordnance and ordnance stores as are needed for immediate use;
and when such ordnance and ordnance stores are to be manufactured,
than to make contracts without advertisement for such stores, to be
delivered as rapidly as manufactured.

Approved, February 24, 1900.

CHAP. 25.—An Act For the relief of claimants having suits against the United
States pending in the circuit and district courts of the United States affected by the
Act of June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, amending the Act
of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That no suit shall abate or be
affected by the Act of June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and
ninety-eight, entitled "An Act to amend sections one and two of the Act of
March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven," which was pending in any circuit court of appeals, circuit or district court of the
United States at the time of the passage of said Act; and all such suits
which have been dismissed by reason of said Act shall be restored to
their places in such courts and proceeded with as if the same had not
been enacted; and time within which an appeal or writ of error may
be taken or prosecuted in any case affected by this Act is hereby
extended six months from the passage hereof.

Approved, February 26, 1900.

CHAP. 26.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Grand
Rapids Water Power and Boom Company, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to construct
dam, and bridge across the Mississippi River," approved February twenty-seventh,
eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of an Act
titled "An Act to authorize the Grand Rapids Water Power and
Boom Company, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to construct a dam and
bridge across the Mississippi River," approved February twenty-